

# October 2023

## West Ohio Community Action Partnership

### TRIBUTE TO JACKIE FOX

Jackie Fox provided West Ohio Community Action Partnership with not only 28 years of faithful service, but also offered leadership, mentorship, tenacity, friendship, passion, and advocacy. Through her career, she has made a positive impact on the lives of thousands of residents in the counties of Allen, Auglaize and Mercer. She always exuded the mission through her heart and efforts to the community, and her commitment to serving was unmatched. Jackie's impact on the community and its members will always be remembered.



At the age of 15, she became a teen mom, but with support and employment from community action agencies and later a Bachelor's degree in Organizational Management from Bluffton University, Jackie exceeded and achieved her goals. As a single, teen mother, Jackie worked two jobs to provide for her family. She witnessed early on the first-hand benefits of the Head Start program while her children were enrolled. It was then that Jackie began her career in community services as she accepted a position in the Head Start department and worked her way from a Head Start parent, all the way to Head Start Director here at West Ohio CAP. Her personal experience with community agencies along the way instilled a passion to assist others just like her, overcome adversity. She was vocal in advocating for the community members and strived to provide opportunities and support for all ages. Jackie overcame obstacles and achieved some of life's biggest achievements.

This strong dedication and perseverance led to her most recent role as the Executive Director of our agency. In her role as Executive Director, she offered insight and empowered many while standing up for issues facing our community. Her work will leave a permanent mark in the community. We are grateful to have had a strong leader and mentor to oversee our agency and communities we serve, with as committed as she was for us all. Jackie's legacy is a success story that we hope inspires many.

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# Early Head Start & Head Start

Our experienced teachers & engaging curriculum offer children the opportunity to learn & grow in a safe, nurturing environment

- Free Program for those who qualify
- Ages 0-5 years old
- Social, emotional & intellectual growth
- Serving Allen County

## Home Based Option

A Home Based teacher, child and family work together to provide activities & experiences designed to meet the child's needs in the home environment

- Ages 0-5 years old
- Serving Allen County



## ENROLL TODAY!



419-227-2586 Ext. 120

Angela Montgomery

**APPLY ONLINE:**  
**WWW.WOCAP.ORG**

## Early Childhood Services Openings

**\*Sign On Bonus of \$500**  
**\*New Minimum Starting Wage \$13.73/hour**

- **Teacher**
- **Co-Teacher**
- **Primary Caregiver**

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## Food Service Worker Receptionist/Dispatch

**\*New Minimum Starting Wage \$14.74/hour**

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**Come join our WOCAP team for a new, exciting and rewarding career**

Work in a fast-paced, growing organization, while receiving a comprehensive benefits package that includes:

- Competitive Wages
- Medical, Dental, Vision Insurance
- 13 Paid Holidays
- 5 Personal Days
- Sick Leave
- Vacation Leave
- Weekends Off
- EAP Program
- Paid Tuition
- Public Service Loan Forgiveness

## HOW TO APPLY ONLINE

If you are interested in any of our job opportunities, please complete the online application on our website & send a resume to:

WOCAP  
(WEST OHIO COMMUNITY  
ACTION PARTNERSHIP)

540 S Central Ave

Lima, Ohio 45804

Attn: Human Resource Coordinator

(419) 227-2586

[www.wocap.org](http://www.wocap.org)

Click on Employment  
Opportunities & then select Job  
Openings from the drop-down

**No longer requiring the  
COVID-19 Vaccine**

## NATIONAL ENERGY AWARENESS MONTH



**Each year, the U.S. Department of Energy designates  
October as Energy Awareness Month**



Throughout the month, entities spread awareness and education on energy efficiency and conservation, and why this is important. It is a national effort to underscore how central energy is to our national prosperity, security, and environmental well-being. This month is a great reminder to assess the energy sources you use, especially as we enter the winter heating season. Tips will be shared to reduce the economic and environmental impact these energy sources may cause. Be sure to follow us on Social Media as we share helpful information for energy awareness month, and celebrate Energy Efficiency Day on October 4, 2023.

## New Auglaize Co. Site Location

**Effective November 1, 2023**

Staff will be serving customers at our Auglaize County Site at Mercy Unlimited  
38 E. Auglaize St., Wapakoneta

Monday - Wednesday - Friday  
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Tuesdays & Thursdays our Dropbox will be available



## HEAP Winter Crisis Program

The Home Energy Assistance Winter Crisis Program (HEAP Winter Crisis Program) helps income eligible Ohioans that are threatened with disconnection, have been disconnected or have less than a 25% supply of bulk fuel in their tank maintain their utility service. The program can also assist with fuel tank replacement, fuel tank testing and heating system repair.

**The program begins November 1, 2023  
and runs through March 31, 2024**

## IMPORTANT DATES

6th - Agency CLOSED for All Staff In-Service  
9th - Agency CLOSED (Columbus Day)  
13th - Home Based Family Day  
19th - Policy Council Meeting  
25th - WOCAP Board Meeting  
27th - Home Based Family Day!  
27th - No EHS Classes-Staff Work Day!

## BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to all of our  
staff celebrating in October

**10 – Gerrica Simpson**  
**11 – Stephanie Debuque**  
**12 – Lynn Miller**  
**18 – Nancy Benroth**  
**21 – Whitney Macklin**  
**21 – Sherry Rister**

| Fair Housing   | Financial Management  |
|--|---|
| Providing information, training & educational materials to community           | Education on aspects that affect financial security               |
| Please call Housing Specialist for more information<br>Allen & Mercer Counties | Please call<br>419-227-2586 Ext. 112<br>or Ext. 156 if interested |

## HOUSING DEPARTMENT

Call WOCAP at 419-227-2586  
or visit our website at  
[www.wocap.org](http://www.wocap.org) to sign up





## Pancake Mini Muffins

### Ingredients:

- 1 c. all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 T. cane sugar
- 1 c. whole milk
- 3 T. butter, melted
- 1 egg
- 1 t. vanilla extract
- 1/4 t. salt

### Directions:

- Whisk together flour, baking powder, and salt
- In a separate bowl, mix together the cane sugar, milk melted butter, egg, and vanilla extract
- Add the dry ingredients to the wet until just combined, using rubber spatula
- Grease a mini muffin tin with cooking spray; fill with batter
- Fill with batter (it will make all 24 mini muffins)
- Top with mix-ins of choice or leave plain. I did around 2-3 blueberries, 2-3 strawberry chunks, and around 1 tsp of mini chocolate chips for the different flavors
- Bake the pancake mini muffins at 400 degrees for 10-12 minutes
- Remove onto a wire cooling rack
- Serve with maple syrup, for dipping

Add any additional toppings that your child would love to help put in the batter and enjoy!

- mini chocolate chips
- strawberries
- blueberries
- and more!

<https://buildyourbite.com/pancake-mini-muffins/#mv-creation-578-jtr>

## BOOKS

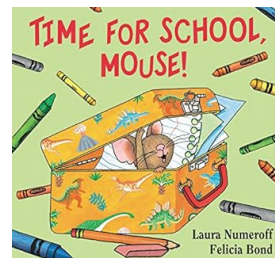
### The Crayons Go Back To School

The crayons are getting ready to go back to school, and each crayon has a subject they're looking forward to the most. They're also ready to meet new friends. . . and let loose during their very favorite time of day: art class. A humorous, small hardcover back-to-school story from everyone's favorite school supplies.



### Time For School, Mouse!

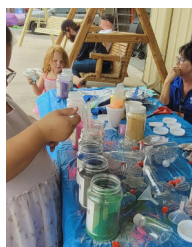
In this board book, Mouse searches high and low for his homework, finding lots of other things in the process. Time for School, Mouse! teaches kids new words while celebrating the fun of going to school!



## HEAD START ENROLLMENT

Our Enrollment Team has been out and busy in the community!

They have enjoyed getting to meet so many of you and share more information about our program and services



## EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE

Our goal is to prepare your child for their next stepping stone of education whether it is Head Start or Kindergarten. Regular Attendance is an important part of your child's educational, social, and emotional development. When children are absent from school they are missing out on a lot of educational and social opportunities. We would like to thank those parents who assure their child is attending school every day. In the month of August, we had 106 children with Perfect Attendance. Way to Go Parents!

**Central A**  
Za'Raeah S.

**Central B**  
America B.  
Island W.

**Home Based (JJ)**  
Juanita L.

**Home Based (WW)**  
Levi VD.

**Lima Sr. I**  
Treyvontay G.  
Ariel T.

**Lima Sr. II**  
A'Layah G.

**Little Rascals A**  
Almira L.

**Little Rascals B**  
La'Nyiah S.  
Jaylen W.

**Little Rascals C**  
Messiah W.

**Shawnee Munchkin**  
Natalina M.

**Shawnee Terrific 2's**  
Zy'aire M.

**Shawnee Transitional Toddlers**  
Jaylani M.

**Shawnee Wobblers**  
Kalayah R.

**The Children's PL**  
Harper R.

**Central D**  
Jordan J.  
Luna L.  
Zander M.  
Serena S.

**Central G**  
Myla A.  
Kassidy A.  
Taylor B.  
Emmett C.  
Daniel C. Jr.  
Thai'Lin D.  
Eric K. Jr.  
Diesel-Ann L.  
Alonzo L.  
Eniko M.  
Rhyann M.  
Jazariyo S.  
Kyion S.

**Philippian**  
Ryleigh L.  
Loveah P.  
Miheir W.

**Howard A**  
Yah'Kynlee B.  
Londynn B.  
Keillen C.  
Miracle C.  
Ameena G.  
Santana J.  
DaKavion L.  
August R.

**Howard B**  
Sebastian A-R.  
Kamryn C.  
Rosalie C.  
Jermyah I.  
Miyaire L.  
Brynleigh S.  
Carter W.  
Damian W.  
Jour'nee W.

**O'Neal A**  
Madalyn B.  
Kayven C.  
Analiese G.  
Treasure G.  
Abel H.  
ZiMion J. Jr.  
Khylan M.  
Kysen M.  
Avalynn M.  
Hezekiah M.  
Cadence W.

**O'Neal B**  
Olivia C.  
Za'Kiya E.  
Myrah H.  
Sanaya K.  
Daquarian L.  
Miyelle L.  
Kaliylah M.  
A'mirias N.  
Gerund P.  
E'lijae S.  
Armani S-M.  
Zander S.  
Maximus W.

I wanted to bring up a couple of the parks my kiddos and I have had the pleasure of hiking through. Firstly, the Lippincott Bird Sanctuary. While slightly hidden off of St Rt 117, a beautifully peaceful place to enjoy a little bit of the local wildlife. There are also several programs offered at this location. For more information about Lippincott please visit <https://www.jampd.com/parks-facilities/lippincott-bird-sanctuary/>

Another enjoyable location is Kendrick Woods, also located in a more secluded area off Defiance Trail. A pond for fishing, a park for playing, and loads of hiking areas. It's fun for the entire family. You can learn more about Kendrick Woods at <https://www.jampd.com/parks-facilities/kendrick-woods/>

## PARENT TO PARENT

### PARKS TO HIKE WITH YOUR FAMILY

SUBMITTED BY  
MICHELLE PEAKE-WARREN,  
HEAD START PARENT

## Board of Trustees - 2023

Representatives must be One Third Private Business, One Third Public Entity, and One Third Low-Income

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